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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior version, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-35 (Canceled)

- 36. (Canceled)
- 37. (Previously presented) An isolated β -glucuronidase, comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 6, or a variant thereof, wherein the variant has 90% amino acid identity to SEQ ID NO: 6 and wherein the variant has β -glucuronidase activity.

Claims 38-59 (Canceled).

- 60. (Previously presented) An isolated fusion protein, comprising,
- a β-glucuronidase that is encoded by a nucleic acid molecule comprising nucleotides 1-1689 of SEQ ID NO: 14 or by a nucleic acid molecule that hybridizes under stringent conditions to the complement of nucleotides 1-1689 of SEQ ID NO: 14 and which encodes a functional β-glucuronidase, and a peptide.
- 61. (Previously presented) The fusion protein according to claim 60, wherein the peptide is hexa-His or streptavidin.
 - 62 (Previously presented) An isolated fusion protein, comprising
- a β-glucuronidase comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 6 or a variant thereof, wherein the variant has 90% amino acid identity to SEQ ID NO: 6 and wherein the variant has β-glucuronidase activity, and a peptide.
- 63. (Previously presented) The fusion protein according to claim 62, wherein the peptide is hexa-His or streptavidin.